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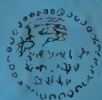


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Report of the President

INSTEAD of going into details of the Society's activities during the year now ending, I shall leave that task to the Director and confine my report to questions of policy and major problems which have been or must be decided.

Each year I have begun my remarks by saying that the past has been a momentous year in our history. If not "momentous," I have used some similar adjective. Now I have run out of adjectives, but the events have been even greater than before.

Let me say first that the success of the Society does not depend on our building program or even on our financial stability. It is made or lost by the Director and his staff. It is pleasant to report to you, although it is self-evident, that I am told very often of the high reputation which the Society is getting among institutions of its kind and this praise almost always ends with favorable comments on the personnel.

As I thought over the activities of this last year, I found myself wondering if our Director ever thinks back to his first days here and what his reactions must be when he remembers the dingy quarters to which he was introduced, and our meetings, attended by a faithful few, of whom, fortunately, several can still be found in regular attendance.

Our new auditorium speaks for itself. As I have previously reported, we were able to build it from the profits on some of our investments and did not have to call on our members for subscriptions, nor did we impair our income. The building of this structure will, without doubt, have a greater influence on the future of the Society than any other event except the acquisition of our present home. It is leading us to develop new programs, which in turn will attract new members. The success of our seminar on early architecture proved this. It has made us a live organization to many persons who only knew us as a collection of dusty books. It also puts a new responsibility on us to control the expansion of our activities so as to benefit the Society without diverting it from its original purposes.

We have again lived within our income, thanks to the hard work and careful supervision of our Director. The margin of our surplus is small, and, in company with most other endowed in-

stitutions, we will have to find safe ways of increasing our income to care for the increasing expense of the future. This is particularly true in regard to the salaries of our staff. We cannot expect this trained personnel to make sacrifices to stay with us.

We have added an occasional member to our staff in recent years but it is still smaller than it should be if it is to care properly for our library and our collections. There is much to be done in cataloguing and indexing, as well as physical care.

This comment suggests a condition which has serious implications for all similar institutions. I refer to the dearth of trained personnel to properly care for and restore their possessions. The mechanical age has made hand work, if available, too costly for ordinary purposes. A hand bindery is almost extinct and in any case must charge more than is feasible for any but very rare books. Cabinetmakers and restorers of paintings are equally scarce. Lately a school for wood carvers and other artisans, in England, was closed because no pupils could be obtained. Some English museums are banding together to be able to retain the services of skilled men and women on a year-round basis by pooling their work. This is a solution which we should consider seriously and see if similar efforts cannot be made in New England.

This year has seen us enter the field of historical publications. We have gained valuable experience and have learned that publications in our field cannot be sold in great quantities. This means that they should be subsidized by an adequate publication fund.

A year ago I referred to the furnishing of the Senate Chamber in the Old State House. The future of this building is now a matter of concern, since the present occupants of the first floor, The Hartford Chamber of Commerce, are to move out. Your Standing Committee has authorized your officers to take such steps as may be necessary to assume the leadership in a plan to make it a useful and admired public monument. This will involve ways of furnishing it to some extent and installing suitable historic exhibits. We hope before long to perfect plans to secure the cooperation of other societies in developing this.

NEWTON C. BRAINARD, *President*

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REVEREND ROBERT G. ARMSTRONG

The Reverend Robert G. Armstrong of West Hartford, who became a member of this Society January 4, 1955, died at Hartford Hospital July 25, 1956. Reverend Armstrong was Pastor Emeritus of the Congregational Church in Lebanon, and was Superintendent of the New Hampshire Congregational Christian Conference from 1932 to 1946. He was born February 4, 1888 in Reed City, Michigan, was a graduate of Amherst College, 1912, and Oberlin Theological Seminary, Oberlin, Ohio, in 1914, and received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Dartmouth College in the late 1930's. Reverend Armstrong was the son of the late Robert F. and Mary Axim Armstrong. He served as pastor in Amherst, Ohio; Spencer, Massachusetts; Wellsville, New York; Pittsfield, Massachusetts; and came to Lebanon in 1946 where he remained until his retirement in 1954. He was also historian for the Connecticut Conference of Congregational Churches, serving in this capacity for two years, and was editor of *Congregational Connecticut*. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Esther Porter Armstrong; two sons, Dan B. Armstrong of Fanwood, New Jersey, the Reverend Richard P. Armstrong of Montgomery, Vermont; a daughter, Marian Armstrong of Hartford; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held in Lebanon, with burial in Springfield, Massachusetts.

MRS. WARREN T. BARTLETT

Mrs. Dorothy B. Larrabee Bartlett, widow of Warren T. Bartlett of West Hartford, died at a local convalescent home July 24, 1956. She had been a member of this Society since April 1, 1941, and was a member of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Bartlett was born in Willimantic February 8, 1892, a daughter of Frank and Carrie Smith Larrabee. She leaves a brother, Lester H. Larrabee of Marlboro, Vermont; a sister, Mrs. Roland Utley of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held in Willimantic, with cremation in Springfield, Massachusetts.

FRANK EDWARD BOSSON

Frank Edward Bosson of Hartford, a member of this Society since December 21, 1956, died March 9, 1957 while on vacation in San Francisco, California. Mr. Bosson was the first Hartford financier to serve on the board of directors of the New York Stock Exchange. He was also senior partner of the investment firm of Putnam & Co., retiring in 1956 but retaining his status as a registered representative.

Mr. Bosson was born June 29, 1882, in Melrose, Massachusetts, the son of the late Frank H. and Isabel Bosson. He came to Hartford as a child and was graduated from the Hartford High School in 1900. He worked for several insurance companies prior to 1909, at which time he went to work for the Hartford office of Esterbrook & Co. of Boston. In 1917 he went to Putnam & Co., working several years as a bond salesman until he became a partner in 1921. He was also a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, a member of the executive committee of the Investment Bankers Association, as well as secretary-treasurer of the State group of the same name. He was a past member of the City Club, serving as one of its presidents in the 1920's, and was a former captain of the Governor's Foot Guard.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary Louise Hormel, and a niece, Mrs. Gilbert D. Carlton of Deerfield, Illinois. Cremation took place in California, with funeral services held in Hartford.

MRS. LEON P. BROADHURST

Mrs. Alice Best Broadhurst, widow of Leon P. Broadhurst, died at her home in West Hartford September 21, 1956. She had been a member of this Society since June 30, 1954.

Mrs. Broadhurst was born in Hartford July 17, 1871, the daughter of the late George and Catherine Turnbull Best. She was a member of the South Congregational Church. Surviving her are three daughters, Mrs. Edwin Ferguson of Westwood, Massachusetts, Mrs. Lloyd V. Armstrong of Carmel, California, and Grace A. Broadhurst of West Hartford; a sister, Mrs. H. O. Halsted of West Hartford; three grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at her home, with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

HARRY LOUIS BURR

Harry Louis Burr of West Hartford, a member of this Society since February 2, 1937, died at Hartford Hospital after a long illness on October 15, 1956. He was a former auditor of the Ætna Life Insurance Co., from which he retired in 1944. Previously, he worked as a clerk for Brown Thomson & Co., for Pope Manufacturing Co., joining the Ætna in 1913. During World War I he supervised the Ætna's Liberty Loan Department, and in 1944, when he retired, he was with the Group Insurance Department of that company.

Mr. Burr was born in Middletown August 31, 1872, the son of the late Dr. Frank L. and Josephine Clark Burr. He attended schools in Middletown and the Wethersfield Academy, and was one of the oldest members of Trinity Episcopal Church, having been confirmed there in 1896 by the late Bishop John Williams. He married the late Elizabeth K. Hollister and leaves a son, Nelson R. Burr, who is with the Exhibits Office of the Library of Congress. Funeral services were held at Trinity Episcopal Church, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford.

HARRY CLEVELAND

Harry Cleaveland of Torrington, who became a member of this Society December 22, 1952, died at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital after an illness of two weeks, on August 2, 1956. He was born in Harwinton in January, 1876, the son of Philo and Sarah Barker Cleaveland.

After attending Harwinton schools, he became associated with the Walter S. Lewis department store, an organization which later incorporated with the Mertz department store under the firm name of W. W. Mertz Co. He became general manager in 1920, and president and owner in 1937. He retired as president, 1951, and was then named as chairman of the board of directors. Other affiliations have included—director and at one time president of the Torrington Businessmen's Association, predecessor of the local Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the Smaller Stores Division of the National Retail Dry Goods Association; President of the Berkshire Mortgage & Finance Corp.; and a corporator of the Torrington Savings Bank. Mr. Cleaveland is survived by his

wife, Mrs. Louise McLeod Cleaveland; a son, Stuart W. Cleaveland, president-treasurer of the W. W. Mertz Co.; and two grandchildren, Dorothy Wadhams Cleaveland and Robert Goodwin Cleaveland; several nieces and nephews, including Lincoln Cleaveland of Harwinton. Funeral services were held at the Center Congregational Church, with burial at Hillside Cemetery, Torrington.

ROBERT DARLING

Robert Darling of Simsbury, a member of this Society since December 6, 1927, died in his sleep April 11, 1957. He was retired chairman of the board of Ensign-Bickford Co. with which he had been associated for 53 years.

Mr. Darling was born in Wakefield, Massachusetts, July 1, 1877, the son of David Henry and Mary Hoskins Evans Darling. He was educated at St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, and Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, and was graduated from Yale University, Class of 1899. He married, May 14, 1902, the late Julia W. Ensign.

Mr. Darling was a former director of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Co., the Canadian Safety Fuse Co., and president and director of the Simsbury Electric Co. He was also chairman of the board of trustees of the Westminster School in Simsbury, and a member of the board of trustees of the Ethel Walker School. He was, at one time, president of the Connecticut State Sunday School Association, now the Connecticut Council of Churches, and chairman of the board of trustees of the Simsbury Methodist Church. He had been a Mason for 50 years and a member of the Hartford Club. Surviving him is a son, Robert E. Darling of Simsbury; two sisters, Mrs. Frederick M. Houghton of Simsbury and Mrs. Virgil Wardwell of Glenbrook; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral took place at the Simsbury Methodist Church, with burial at Center Cemetery, Simsbury.

J. H. KELSO DAVIS

J. H. Kelso Davis of West Hartford, a member of this Society since November 6, 1951, died at Hartford Hospital on May 30, 1956. He was former vice president and treasurer of the Case,

Lockwood & Brainard Co., and retired Brigadier General in the National Guard.

Mr. Davis was born at West Point military reservation September 17, 1875, the son of the late Gen. John M. K. and Fannie Sanger Davis. He attended Holderness School and was graduated from Trinity College in 1899, having been captain of the baseball team and a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity. Mr. Davis first worked in Hartford for the Electric Vehicle Co., and at the Buffalo Exposition in the early years of this century, he drove one of the company's cars with the President of the United States as passenger. He went on from there to the Fenn Co. as secretary, and in 1908 he became treasurer of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co. He retired in 1949 as vice president, but continued his affiliation with the company as director of Connecticut Printers, Inc.

An important part of Mr. Davis's career was his connection with the Connecticut National Guard. He joined the Guard in 1903 as a lieutenant in the Infantry, working up to captain and regimental commissary officer in 1907 when he retired. He served the Infantry again from 1909 to 1911. He transferred to the Cavalry, becoming captain of Troop B in 1915 and went with it to the Mexican border in 1916. During World War I he was appointed adjutant of the First Military District of the State Guard, and in 1918 he was commissioned a major assigned to the Ordnance Department in Washington. Between wars, Mr. Davis was a colonel commanding the 316th Cavalry of the Organized Reserve, resigning in 1934. In World War II he was a civilian aide to the Army Air Force and civilian aide for Connecticut to the Secretary of War. In 1946 he was promoted to the retired rank of Brigadier General in the National Guard Reserve, in recognition of his services in the Army.

Col. Davis, as he liked to be called, is survived by his wife, the former Edith Hollister Brainard; four sons, John M. K. Davis of Avon, Leverett B. Davis of Newcastle, Maine, F. Kelso Davis of Essex, and Newton B. Davis of Litchfield; two daughters, Mrs. James A. Taylor of West Hartford and Mrs. Geddes Parsons of New Britain; and 20 grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Christ Church Cathedral, with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

SARAH SNELL EDDY

Sarah Snell Eddy, a member of this Society since March 4, 1924, died at her home in New Britain September 24, 1956. She was former head of the Children's Division of the Hartford Public Library, a position which she had held for 42 years.

Miss Eddy was born January 16, 1878, the daughter of the late Willard and Minna Maria Hertel Eddy. Miss Eddy moved to Haddam, teaching school there until she returned to her native Hartford. In 1908 she joined the Hartford Public Library staff and was an instructor at the Northwest School in the evenings. As an assistant in the Hartford Public Library, she worked under Miss Caroline M. Hewins, 1909-1926, Truman R. Temple, 1926-1944, and Magnus K. Krhistoffersen from 1944 until her retirement in 1950.

Surviving her is a brother, Willard Hertel Eddy, president and founder of the Eddy Awning & Decorating Co., New Britain. Funeral services were held at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, with burial at Central Cemetery, Haddam.

BESSIE M. EDDY

Bessie M. Eddy of West Hartford, a member of this Society since November 1, 1927, died at Hartford Hospital on April 1, 1957. She was born in New Britain July 3, 1879, a daughter of the late James H. and Maria Brown Eddy. Miss Eddy was long active in musical and art organizations in Hartford. She was a member of the Town and County Club, and served for many years on the board of directors of the Old People's Home on Jefferson Street. She was also a life-long member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, in New Britain. Miss Eddy is survived by three nephews, James H. Eddy, of New Canaan, Charles B. Eddy of Short Hills, New Jersey, and John B. Eddy of Los Angeles, California. Funeral services were held at the James T. Pratt Funeral home.

MRS. ALLAN S. GOODMAN

Mrs. Carlyn Leichter Goodman of West Hartford, a member of this Society since October 6, 1953, died at her home November 22, 1956. She was born December 6, 1910 in New Haven, the

daughter of Max B. and the late Blanche Ullman Leichter. She had resided in Hartford for the past 25 years, and was a member of Temple Beth Israel. She is survived by her father and her husband, Allan S. Goodman; and by two daughters, Mary A. Goodman and Carol E. Goodman, both of West Hartford. Funeral services were held at the Weinstein Mortuary, with burial in Temple Mishkan Israel Cemetery, New Haven.

WALTER H. HART

Walter H. Hart of New Britain, admitted as a member of this Society December 22, 1952, died suddenly at his home in New Britain on December 25, 1956. He was a former vice president and director of the Stanley Works of New Britain.

Mr. Hart was president of his high school graduating class in New Britain in 1893, and a graduate of Yale's Sheffield Scientific School in 1896. From Yale he recently received a citation for his work as Class Agent in collecting contributions for the Yale Alumni Fund. He was active in New Britain civic affairs, serving as president and on the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association. He was also chairman of the directors of Erwin Home, South Congregational Church, and aided in the efforts of the Community Chest.

Mr. Hart is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Chamberlain Hart; two sons, Valentine C. Hart of Fairfield and Jerrems C. Hart of East Morris; a daughter, Mrs. Sanford B. D. Low of Southington; and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held at South Congregational Church, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford.

CHARLES RUFUS HARTE

Charles Rufus Harte of New Haven, a member of this Society since November 7, 1933, died at his home November 13, 1956. He was a nationally-known authority on railroad electrification.

Born in Marietta, Ohio, where he lived until 14 years of age, he moved to New York City with his family when a flood destroyed his father's merchantile business. He was graduated from Columbia University with a degree in engineering in 1893. In that year Mr. Harte became a surveyor for the New Haven Rail-

road, helping to lay out the right-of-way for the Naugatuck Division. Following a brief period in charge of electrifying railroads in Nova Scotia and Indiana for a firm of Boston engineers, Mr. Harte returned to New Haven in 1904 as engineer in charge of converting the East Cut in New Haven from a two to a four track installation. In 1910 he was connected with the Connecticut Co.'s Street Car Division, which included laying tracks, building power lines, and constructing power and substations. He was active in World War I in charge of a War Department project of mapping electrical railroads on the East and West coast which were to be used by coastal artillery in case of an attack. Mr. Harte was former president of Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers and of the American Electric Railway Association. He was also chairman of the Electrical Standards Committee of the American Standards Association. He is survived by two sons and two daughters. Funeral services were held in New Haven.

DR. HOWARD BULKELEY HAYLETT

Dr. Howard Bulkeley Haylett of East Hartford, a member of this Society since November 6, 1956, died at Hartford Hospital May 1, 1957. He had been a general practitioner in East Hartford for 40 years.

Dr. Haylett was born in Moretown, Vermont, the son of the late Dr. James and Lilla Bulkeley Haylett. He was graduated from the University of Vermont Medical College in 1907. Interning at Hartford Hospital in 1909, he started practicing there, moving to East Hartford as practicing physician in 1917. He was a member of the consulting staff, Hartford Hospital; the Hartford Medical Society; the Hartford County Medical Association; Connecticut State Medical Society; and the American Medical Association. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marie Bosworth Haylett of East Hartford, and a brother, Harold A. Haylett of Burlington, Vermont.

Funeral services were held at the Asylum Hill Congregational Church, with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

MRS. ORRIN P. KILBOURN

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Kilbourn of West Simsbury, admitted as a

member of this Society October 2, 1951, died at her home in West Simsbury after a long illness on March 7, 1957. She was long and prominently associated with the Children's Services of Connecticut.

Mrs. Kilbourn was born in Elkton, Michigan, February 26, 1902, the daughter of the late Reverend William H. Fraser and Mrs. William H. Fraser, now of Orkil Farms, the family home in West Simsbury. Mrs. Kilbourn attended Three Rivers High School, Three Rivers, Michigan, and Ferris Institute in that State.

Besides her husband, Orrin P. Kilbourn, and her mother, Mrs. Kilbourn is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Duane H. Newton, Jr. of Hartford; a son, Peter O. Kilbourn of West Simsbury; and a step-sister, Mrs. Harry Cowan of East Lansing, Michigan. Funeral services were held in West Hartford Congregational Church, with burial in Center Cemetery, Simsbury.

MRS. CARL R. LANE

Mrs. Edith Lillian Merritt Lane of West Hartford, wife of Carl R. Lane, died suddenly at her home November 30, 1956. She had been a member of this Society since April 2, 1935.

Mrs. Lane was born in East Hampton, the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Victor S. Merritt. She was a graduate of Smith College in 1909, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She was active in many State and local organizations, including president of Rebekah Assembly, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, State of Connecticut; past State lecturer of the Connecticut State Grange, and past matron of Wisdom Court, Order of the Amaranth. She was also a member of the Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants; Connecticut Chapter, National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America; Eastern Star; and charter member of the Daughters of the Nile.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Lane is survived by two sons, Attorney C. Merritt Lane of West Hartford, and Malcolm V. Lane of Scarsdale, New York; a daughter, Mrs. Edith L. Hoffman of Collinsville; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the James T. Pratt Funeral Home, with burial at Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford.

FRANK D. LAYTON

Frank D. Layton of Hartford, a member of this Society since May 20, 1952, died as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident on October 24, 1956. Mr. Layton was president of the National Fire Insurance Co. from 1928-1948 when he was made president of the board of directors. He remained in this capacity until his retirement February 21, 1955, and at the time of his death was a director.

He was born December 11, 1879, in South Norwalk, the son of the late J. M. Layton and Mary Gardner Layton. He was educated in local schools, and upon graduating from high school, he entered into his father's insurance firm. He went to the National Fire Insurance Co. in 1902 as a Field Representative, covering western New England and New York State. In 1919 he was elected vice president, and in 1928 he was unanimously elected president of the company. He served two terms as president of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and for several years he was a director of the Underwriters' Laboratories and of the General Adjustment Bureau. He held directorship in the Connecticut Bank & Trust Co., Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co., Arrow-Hart & Hegeman Electric Co., the Dime Savings Bank, and the National Board Building Corp. His interest in the blind also led him to be appointed a director of the Connecticut Institute for the Blind, an association always close to his heart.

Mr. Layton is survived by his wife, the former Ethel Savory Keep. Funeral services were held at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, with burial at Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford.

KENNETH LORD

Kenneth Lord of New York City, who became a member of this Society May 4, 1943, died at Battle Creek Sanitarium, Battle Creek, Michigan, on July 23, 1956.

Mr. Lord was born in Rocky Hill, New Jersey, November 21, 1874, the son of Charles Asaph and Julia E. Bates Lord. He was twice married, first to Florence A. Ulmer, April 30, 1902, who died in Philadelphia, February 23, 1911; and second, to Mrs. Maude Brennan Davis of Warren, Pennsylvania. He was founder of Galey & Lord, a pioneer firm in the field of cotton textiles, and a prominent member of the textile industry throughout his life.

At the time of his death he was director of Aberfoyle Manufacturing Co., and secretary and treasurer of Galey & Lord, which is now a member organization of Burlington Industries. It was Mr. Lord who coined the word "rayon" as the generic name for artificial silk.

Mr. Lord is survived by a sister, Edith Lord, of Tarrytown, New York. Funeral services were held at the Church of Incarnation, Madison Avenue, New York City.

BENJAMIN J. MAY

Benjamin J. May of Granby, who became a member of this Society October 2, 1951, died by suicide on May 2, 1957. He had been suffering from ill health for some time.

Mr. May, president of Wadhams & May Co., of Hartford, was born May 12, 1898, in Winshaw, Lanarkshire, Scotland. He came to America in 1923, starting as a bricklayer and building up his career to President of the firm which bore his name in 1954. He had previously served as the firm's executive vice president, vice president, and treasurer.

Mr. May was a bachelor with residence in Granby. He belonged to a number of Masonic groups, including the Shriners; was past president of the Hartford Rotary Club; and was a member of Center Church, Congregational, Hartford. Funeral services were held at the South Congregational Church in Granby, with burial at Granby Cemetery.

SAMUEL ST. JOHN MORGAN

Samuel St. John Morgan of Temple, New Hampshire, who became a member of this Society December 2, 1947, died suddenly at Longwood Towers, Brookline, Massachusetts, on November 7, 1956. Mr. Morgan was 74 years old, and retired senior vice president of the State Street Trust Co., Boston.

Mr. Morgan was a native of Hartford, and was graduated from Trinity College in the Class of 1903. Following his retirement in 1953, he made his home in Temple, New Hampshire.

He was New England manager of the Westinghouse Co., was next made president of the Lamson Hubbard Co. of Boston, followed by his joining the State Street Trust Co. in 1925. He was a trustee of Boston Children's Hospital, a director of the Merrimac

Hat Corp., and the Loyal Protective Life Insurance Co., as well as a former director of the Bigelow & Dowse Co., H. & B. Machine Co., Nashua Manufacturing Co., Russell Manufacturing Co., and former board chairman of the Pelzer Manufacturing Co. He is survived by his wife, Mary Bergen Morgan; a son, John Morgan of Brookline, Massachusetts; and a daughter, Mrs. John A. Kell, Jr., of Needham, Massachusetts.

MARJORIE REINHARDT

Marjorie Reinhardt of West Hartford, a member of this Society since December 1, 1953, died on March 26, 1957. She was director of food service and nutrition of Hartford schools. She entered the service of the city's schools, 1949, in the same post she held at the time of her death.

Before coming to Hartford, Miss Reinhardt taught home economics in Minnesota schools, serving as a hospital dietitian, and for five years she was manager of dining halls and instructor of institutional management at the University of Delaware.

She was a member of the American School Foods Service Association, the American Home Economics Association, the American Educational Association, and the State groups of each of these.

Miss Reinhardt was born January 24, 1901, in Fountain City, Wisconsin, a daughter of the late Jean and Sarah Richtman Reinhardt. She took her bachelor's degree in home economics at Milwaukee Downer College in 1922, and her master's degree in institutional management at Columbia University Teacher's College in 1949.

She leaves two sisters, Phyllis J. Reinhardt of West Hartford, and Mrs. Joseph Gleason of Old Chatham, New York. Funeral services and burial took place at Fountain City, Wisconsin.

CHARLES FREDERICK TAFT SEAVERNS

Charles Frederick Taft Seaverns of Hartford, a member of this Society since December 7, 1920, died at his summer home in Camden, Maine, on July 11, 1956.

Mr. Seaverns was born in Chicago December 1, 1878, the son of Frederick Abijah and Rebecca Lowell Houghton Seaverns. He was a graduate of the Boston Latin School and went on to Colby

College where he received an A.B. degree in 1901, taking his Master of Arts degree at Harvard a year later. He taught at the Robbins School, Norfolk, Connecticut, and the Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, before joining the faculty of the Hartford Public High School where he taught Latin and other subjects from 1914 to 1923. On June 24, 1914, Mr. Seaverns married Mary Bushnell Hillyer, granddaughter of the Reverend Dr. Horace Bushnell.

Besides his interest in cultural and educational activities which led him at one time to be vice president of the Wadsworth Athenaeum, a trustee of Colby College and the Kingswood School, West Hartford, and other organizations, Mr. Seaverns was formerly a member of the board of directors of the Ætna Life Insurance Co. and the National Fire Insurance Co. At the time of his death he was a director of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Co. He was also principally active in the affairs of the Horace Bushnell Memorial Hall, and was at one time its president. He received an honorary Master of Arts degree in 1923 and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1947, both from Colby College. In 1956 Hillyer College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts.

Mr. Seaverns leaves one son, Appleton Hillyer Seaverns, headmaster of Suffield Academy, Suffield; one daughter, Mrs. Daniel Rodney Lee of Pacific Palisades, California; and five grandchildren.

LORING M. TAPLEY

Loring M. Tapley of Hartford, a member of this Society since May 2, 1950, died at Hartford Hospital December 27, 1956. He had been Republican registrar of voters for the city of Hartford for the past 36 years.

Mr. Tapley was born in Vinal Haven, Maine, June 13, 1895, and attended the University of Maine. He was an Air Force veteran of World War I, and a member of Rau-Locke Post, American Legion. He became deputy registrar of voters June 15, 1920, serving in that capacity until May, 1953, when he became registrar. He succeeded Andrew G. Nystrom as registrar and ran in the 1954 election for the full two year term.

Mr. Tapley is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Boothby Tap-

ley; his mother, Mrs. Frederick L. Tapley; a daughter, Mrs. Earl T. Williams of North Haven; and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the James T. Pratt Funeral Home, with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

ADA LOUISE TAYLOR

Ada Louise Taylor of Hartford, who became a member of this Society March 4, 1913, died in a Simsbury Convalescent home on November 7, 1956. She was born in Hartford August 10, 1863, the daughter of the late Samuel and Laura Louise Lester Taylor, and resided in this city most of her life. She was the oldest living member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and was an early member of the Connecticut Society of Colonial Dames and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Funeral services were held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

HARRY R. WILLIAMS

Harry R. Williams of Hartford, a member of this Society since April 4, 1916, died at his home in Hartford August 3, 1956 after a short illness. He was 94 years old and had been a patent attorney in this city for the past 58 years.

Mr. Williams was born in Hartford October 18, 1861, the son of the late James A. and Sarah Roberts Williams. He became an independent patent lawyer in 1887 and was a contemporary of many of Hartford's famous industrialists—Dr. Richard J. Gatling, inventor of the Gatling Gun; Christopher L. Spencer; Charles E. Billings; Francis A. Pratt; and Amos Whitney, all with whom he worked. He frequently appeared in famous court cases as an expert. The Lincoln Co., now Taylor & Fenn Manufacturing Co., sent him to England concerning patent litigation, as did the former Pratt & Cady Co.

Mr. Williams was connected with the Smyth Manufacturing Co. from 1889 until his retirement in 1945. He was a senior tenant of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Co. building where he set up his office in 1903. He is survived by three daughters, Beatrice H. Williams, Lois P. Williams, and Elizabeth W. Williams, all of Hartford. Funeral services were held at the James T. Pratt Funeral Home, with burial in Spring Grove Cemetery, Hartford.

Report of the Director

Mr. President and Members of the Society:

Introduction

By any standard, the year just concluded has been very satisfactory. Everything reached a new high: membership, attendance, income, sales and gifts. We stayed within our budget; income was higher than expected so we had a surplus of about \$900.00, even after paying extraordinary moving and painting expenses. Our collections grew remarkably both by gift and purchase.

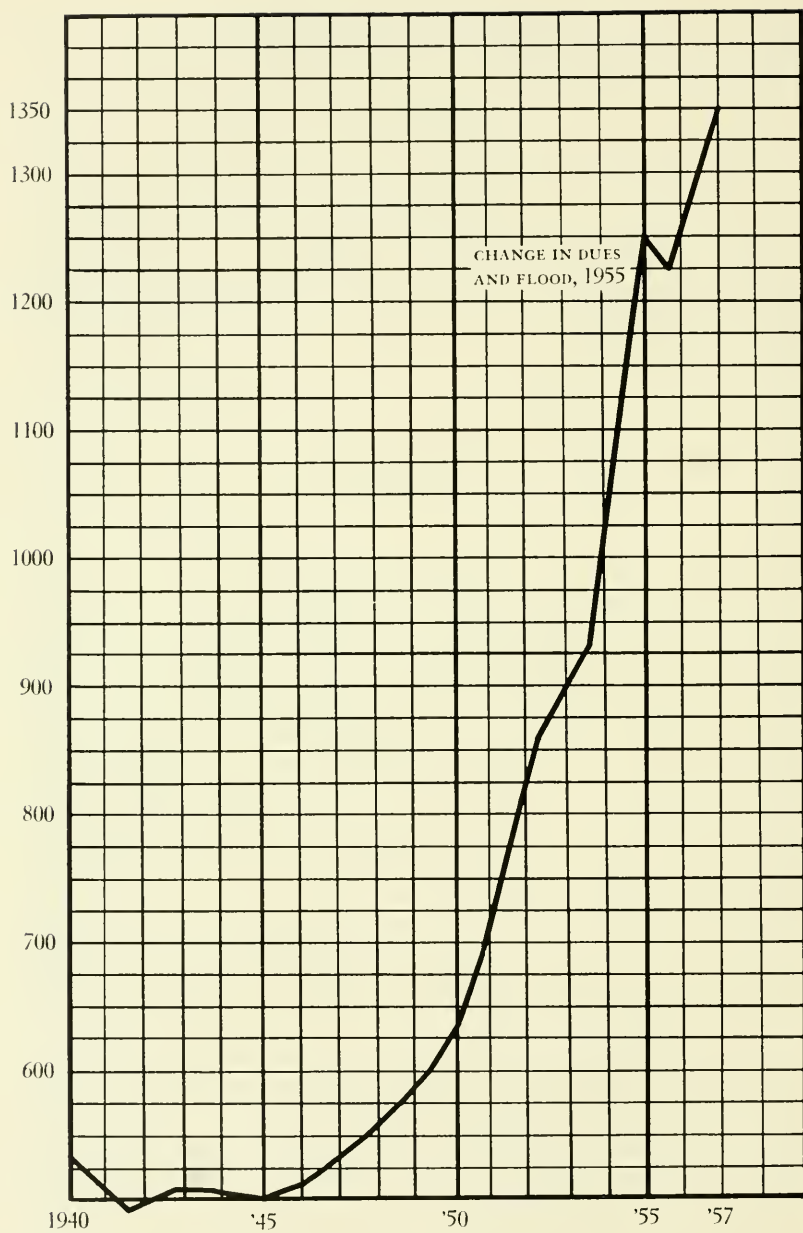
The auditorium cost	\$240,245.61
dike	16,000.00
architect	18,705.93
furnishings, including	
scale model and soil tests	<u>6,753.89</u>
a total of	\$281,705.43

slightly less than anticipated which in itself these days is noteworthy. The dike was a grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; about \$237,000.00 was proceeds from the sale of securities in the Hoadley Fund and the balance came from gifts, accumulated surpluses in both general and building funds, and money from savings banks in the Hoadley account. Fortunately, the expected loss of income has been more than made up by increased dividends so that even after taking a quarter of a million dollars from the principal of the George E. Hoadley Fund, the annual income for maintenance of our building is almost \$2,000.00 more than it was in 1955.

Gifts to the Society totalled a gratifying \$38,000.00, and sales of publications grossed \$6,328.85. As for membership, there were 30 deaths and 40 resignations, and 147 new members, making the present total of 1,315.

This continued progress is encouraging and not to be dismissed lightly. Since 1940, however, I have deplored the lack of a manuscript cataloguer, the almost non-existent funds for museum purchases and the meagre funds for publishing books. Ironically, these three things, closest to my heart, have shown the least improvement. I am not discouraged, just impatient.

Libraries and museums have an inexhaustible appetite for storage facilities and technical equipment. For example, a cabinet



shop, photographic studio, and conservator's laboratory require substantial sums only once. On the other hand, growth requires that periodically we add vertical files, print cases, storage drawers, racks and bins. Some of this we may secure through foundations but the salaries of technicians to utilize special tools must eventually come from operating income. At the present time, we require their services only one day a week.

Every year it is difficult to properly chronicle the past twelve months. So much happens that to describe everything would take hours. Time and, later, the printed page, requires condensation to the bare essentials. What I mention in this report is not necessarily to be considered an evaluation of acquisitions. Some things have or will appear in the *Bulletin*, and among the remainder, a selection was made to present in my opinion a brief, fair and diversified account covering the entire activities of the Society.

In our duties, the station wagon has travelled 12,000 miles, we have addressed more than 50 groups, written nearly 2,000 letters, and spent hours supervising the building. From month to month, visitors to the museum were able to see something new as nine major exhibitions were held.

The lecture series was well attended and with the opening in December of the Hoadley Auditorium, seating 256 persons, new attendance records were set. We are greatly indebted to the following speakers:

MRS. FRANCES EDWARDS—"Romance of Paper Making"

JAMES R. CASE—"Rochambeau's March Through Connecticut"

HAROLD L. PETERSON—"Early American Arms and Armor"

FRANK O. SPINNEY—"Country Furniture of New England"

FILMS: Restoration of two oil paintings by Sheldon Keck;
"Restoration of Antiques" by Ernest Lo Nano

MRS. CHARLOTTE K. STRATTON—"Hooked Rugs"

PENROSE R. HOOPES—"Daniel Burnap, Clockmaker"

WILLIAM L. WARREN—"Connecticut Potters and their Wares"

The Seminar, "Restoration of Old Houses", was held in the Auditorium and proved most gratifying to us for it was sold out in advance and more than 150 were unable to secure tickets. Particularly noteworthy was the fact that four states and 55 towns

in Connecticut were represented. It is our intent to make this an annual affair, covering a variety of subjects. Plans for next year have not been completed, but it seems safe to assume the subject will again be houses but from a different approach. Questions submitted to the panel session will guide our planning, and lessons learned should improve what all agreed was an outstanding presentation.

Library

Replacing catalogued volumes lost in the flood has proven more costly and time consuming than anticipated. The insurance money covering the loss of these books is exhausted and there are still about 100 titles to replace. This puts a heavy burden on our limited book funds. The normal library routine has been resumed and purchasing and cataloguing goes on as usual. Through a fortunate purchase, 42 genealogies and local histories were acquired over the summer from galley proofs of a dealer's catalogue.

The new hallway connecting the Auditorium and Main Building made it necessary to move the genealogical manuscript collection. After considerable study of the problem, duplicate newspaper files were removed and the shift to microfilm of current papers made it possible to shelve these genealogical manuscripts in the 3rd level of the book stack adjacent to the local history collection. To prevent unauthorized removal and shelving, this area should be caged and under lock and key for service only by the staff.

Mrs. Muriel Alvord Ward has increased the principal of the George Buell Alvord Fund to \$10,000.00, the income from which is for the purchase of manuscripts. This is of great help to us and has made possible the recent purchase of an orderly book kept by Sergt. Joel Smith for Capt. William Judd's Company, commencing Redding, March 21, 1779.

Mrs. Alfred Howe Terry has continued to catalogue the Jeremiah Wadsworth manuscript collection and through her efforts, hundreds of important letters have become available for the first time.

We are still adding to our collection of wall maps, this year acquiring Bristol and Waterbury, published in 1852, and Washington, 1853.

We were fortunate to purchase some autobiographical and genealogical material on the Brinley family. There were also letters to George Brinley (1774-1857), and a diary kept by him between May 5, 1852 and July 28, 1855. Mr. Brinley married Catharine, granddaughter of Israel Putnam, and their son was the noted collector of Americana. His observations and comments on local subjects are of considerable interest. For example,

“April 30, 1854, The Flood, Sunday

The Rain noted for the several preceeding days continues 9 P.M. The rise of the River very great & still rising. Much damage I learn has taken place. Rev. Mr. Washburn & the Rev. Mr. Lambert took Tea with us—attempted to light our Gas burners without effect. The Gas House submerged by the flood.

May 1st, 1854


A fine day—the flood ceased to rise this day at 2 P.M. The greatest flood ever known in this city—it seems a correct record of extraordinary floods in this city have been kept since the year 1692 viz:

1692—26:2	inches above lower water Mark
1801—27:2	”
1841—25:4	”
1843—26:3	”
1852—23	”

May 1, 1854—28:11½ Great loss of property has been sustained & much suffering by many near the range of the waters—a great number have been taken out of Chamber Windows for Security—The Mayor has caused the City Hall thrown open for those who had to quit their houses—The papers are filled with disasters far & near—one man drowned in this city today.”

Another manuscript to be noted is the “Military History of James W. Eldridge”, as the author calls it, prepared from his diary kept during the Civil War. This was a gift from Mrs. Annie F. Eldridge Murray, his daughter and only survivor, now residing in California. The manuscript is dated Hartford, June 1st, 1866, and is introduced with an autobiographical sketch. He was born in Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, Ill., on June 4, 1841, where his family had emigrated from New London, Conn. Following

for Purchase. I must suffer me to search out for
 things with hands there is that but for that every
 man have a hundred times accessible to former
 but that is in want of every man who is a good
 with to live in his family. I thought myself to be
 good having these things. I have now in the Brigade
 made thousands at South having of to be found
 The Brig. Dr. to be sent from to be found
 in the morning of 1879 in the afternoon
 Eldridge's afternoon receipt. 1879
 H. D. B. Redding June 29, 1879
 While the Army remains in the present situation
 I have been with will take home of the three
 in the East. Dr. the River. Beyond James Road
 Huntington. Be sent from June 29, 1879

NEVV
ENGLANDS
PROSPECT.
 A true, lively, and experiential
 tall description of that part of *America*,
 commonly called *New England*,
 discovering the face of that Coun-
 try, both as it stands to our new come
 English Planters, and to the old
 Native inhabitants.
 Laying downe that which may both enrich the
 knowledge of the mind-travelling Reader,
 as benefit the future Voyager.
 By WILLIAM WOOD.

 Printed in London by T. Cotes for John Ballantyne, and are to be sold
 at all English, the French, the German, the Italian, the Spanish, the
 Royal Exchange, 1635.

(Left) Purchase made possible through the George Buell Alvord Fund—an Orderly Book kept by Sergt. Joel Smith, Redding, 1779. (Right) Title page of rare book (1635) by William Wood, gift of Houghton Bulkeley

the Civil War, James Eldridge made his residence in Hartford, and was a member of this Society at his death here on February 6, 1909. He was well known, and perhaps remembered by some, as the owner of a large Civil War collection, valued in its time at \$40,000.00, and now unfortunately dispersed.

In addition to the diary entries, covering the period of August 1, 1862 when he entered the 127th N.Y.V. as a private, to May 20, 1865 when he was mustered out as 1st Lieutenant of the 23rd U.S. Colored Troop, there is much statistical information of value in this manuscript. He lists, for instance, the number of sieges, battles, and reconnaissances in which he engaged. In all, there were 14, such as the siege of Charleston, S.C., and the defences of Bermuda Hundred, Va., in which he engaged in continual fighting. In another list he indicates that he marched 861 miles during the war, traveled 4560 miles by boat, 3077 miles by rail-road, making a total traveled and marched while in the United States Army, 8498 miles. He was 63 times on Picket duty, went on 40 different marches, wrote 318 letters, 205 of which were sent home, and finally, he was 304 days under fire.

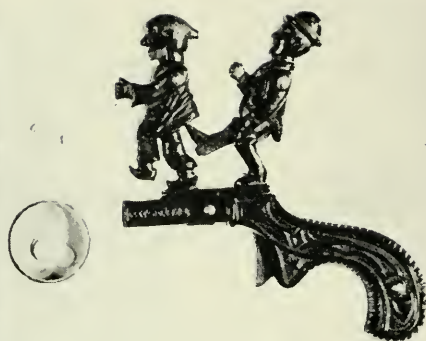
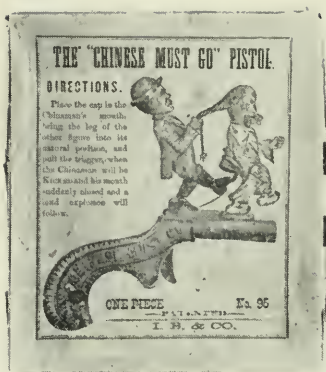
One of the most significant books from the library of the late Morgan G. Bulkeley, presented by his son Houghton Bulkeley, was William Wood's *New England Prospect*, 2nd edition, London, 1635. Although the identity of the author is clouded in



Miniature of John Lawrence, Treasurer of Connecticut from 1769-1789, gift of Mrs. Leon P. Broadhurst

antiquity, this was the best description, in its time, of Massachusetts. The literary historian, Moses Coit Tyler, author of *History of American Literature*, has said of Wood, "His style, indeed, is that of a man of genuine literary culture, and has the tone and flavor of the best Elizabethan prose writers; [and] almost none of the crabbedness of the sermon-makers and pamphleteers of his own day. . ." Wood arrived in Massachusetts in 1629 and returned to England August 15, 1633. His book was so popular that editions appeared in 1634, 1635, and 1639. Since then it has been reprinted a number of times. The last half describes the Indians in New England, followed by a vocabulary which, it is thought, Roger Williams and John Eliot helped compile.

We highly recommend your reading this book for it may have convinced your ancestors and mine that New England was a place to settle. For example: "a well skilled and industrious husbandman, for tillage and improvements of grounds; an ingenious carpenter, a cunning joiner, a handy-cooper, such a one as can make strong ware for the use of the Country, and a good Brick-maker, a Tyler and a Smith, a Leather dresser, a Gardiner, and a Taylour: one that hath good skill in any of these trades, if he can transport himself, he needs not feare but he may improve his time and endeavours to his owne benefit and comfort; if he cannot transport himselfe, he may provide himself of an honest

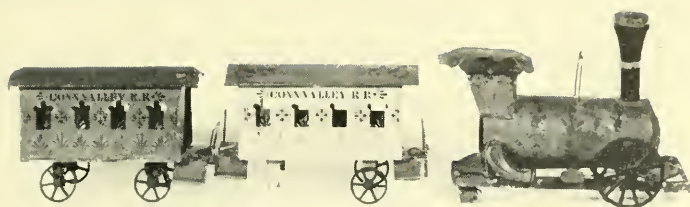


Animated cap pistol, box, and caps, acquired through purchase

master, and so may doe as well. . . ." This kind of descriptive material had a tremendous influence in settling the country, propaganda though it may be, and Wood's account was the first and one of the best.

This copy is in fine condition with the map and agrees with all points in the Church catalogue except that page 47 is correctly numbered 47, not 7. Besides Mr. Bulkeley's bookplate there is also that of C. L. F. Robinson of Newport, R.I.

Another rare and important book from the Bulkeley collection is *A History of New England* by Edward Johnson, London, 1654. This is better known as *The Wonder-Working Providence of Sion's Saviour in New England*. Its scarcity may be due to the fact that in 1659 the remaining copies were incorporated into *America Painted to the Life* by Sir Ferdinand Gorges, with new title page and introduction. This was not piracy on the part of the author but trickery of the publisher who owned Johnson's book and was printer for Gorges. After poor sales for five years, the printer was trying to get rid of the books. When it was discovered, Gorges was furious because he was a knight, had been appointed by the crown as Governor of the Province of Maine, had had ambitions of being Governor of New England, and was then the Governor of the Fort and Island of Plimouth in Devonshire, and, well, who was Johnson?



Toy railroad train made of tin, the earliest of its kind in our Collections

Johnson was a "joiner" and was an early settler of Woburn, Mass. His work must not be relied upon too heavily because he lacked critical judgement, but he did record details of settling of towns, statistics of immigration, population figures, agricultural products and prices of commodities that were ignored by his contemporaries. His account of the Pequot War is most interesting because he was a Captain, Commander of the Militia Company of Woburn. His style is crude and yet for its period is an unusual and effective record of the events of which he was an eyewitness.

This copy is a fine one in a Bedford binding, bearing the Huth bookplate.

Museum

William L. Warren assumed charge of the Museum almost a year ago and has done a splendid job under difficulties. Records are badly out of shape and new storage facilities have yet to be installed. Despite this, he arranged interesting exhibits, supervised numerous repairs, and catalogued a large quantity of objects.

A new print room now occupies the old manuscript stack space and for the first time, prints, maps, broadsides and photographs are together. If enough files and boxes can be secured it will not take long before the collection will be much more useful and kept in better condition.

In January the final move from the Wadsworth Atheneum was made and now everything owned by the Society is in this build-



(Left) Only known Connecticut-made barometer, by John M. Peddinghaus of Colchester, loaned by Israel E. Liverant. (Right) Connecticut earthenware jug, gift of Dr. H. B. Haylett



ing. Much of this has been sorted and by summer the first and hardest part will be completed. The bulk of this material was from the "Iron Room", a former coal bunker, low ceilinged, very dirty, which dated from before 1900. We found a number of surprises and a great deal of material that will be useful. We also found a communion set missing since 1937!

Several maps and drawings were repaired and mounted as well as two pictures of Curtisville that were in very poor shape. Six paintings were relined and completely restored, a valuable piece of crewel work was painstakingly repaired, and old glass protecting two embroidered pictures was replaced.

Alfred Straw was employed part time to photograph the Seymour furniture collection and the Morgan B. Brainard collection of tavern signs. He took about 250 photographs which has worked out to the advantage of all concerned.

We were fortunate to purchase eight marked stoneware specimens when George S. McKearin's collection was sold. It is surprising how few such pieces we had, but already several additional ones have been given us.

The Ætna Life Insurance Company turned over to us more than 80 8 x 10" prints and a sound motion picture film of the St. Joseph's Cathedral fire last December 31st. This was of special significance for it illustrates our desire to collect current records.

Under the will of the late Ada L. Taylor, we acquired over 300 prints from the famed Samuel Taylor photograph collection. This has been catalogued and a series "Then and Now" appeared in the Sunday *Courant* Magazine Section.

Mrs. Leon P. Broadhurst presented a lovely miniature painted on ivory of John Lawrence, ca. 1800, many years Treasurer of the State. Although we do not know the artist, he may be identified some day, for it was likely done locally.

Philip Hammerslough, inspired by the watch paper article in the *Bulletin*, presented an interesting one of John Proctor Trott, New London, engraved by J. D. Stout, Jr., of New York. Israel E. Liverant owns the copper plate for the R. Bradley, Hartford, watchmaker advertisement. While loaned to us, impressions were made. This is unknown in its original state.

An interesting road sign came to us from Bert C. Gable. It reads:

"2 miles of dusty road to Hartford Center
Keep on your leather blinders till you enter
Be fair slow down and keep in mind
We have to eat the dust you leave behind."

Mary Allis of Fairfield gave us a rare pottery jar marked West Hartford. This is the only one of the type we have discovered.

Among purchases should be mentioned some 30 Kellogg prints and animated cap pistols manufactured by Ives of Bridgeport and Stevens of Cromwell.

Just before her death, Miss Allys E. Tyler of Windsor gave us

a fine four paneled oak chest. According to family tradition, this piece was brought from England by William Phelps (1599-1672) who settled in Windsor in 1635. Analysis by the laboratory at the Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum indicates the wood to be of American origin. Consequently, \$1,000.00 was added to the appraisal value of the chest, and it is established as one of the earliest pieces of furniture in our collection.

Editor

The customary four issues of our 32 page *Bulletin* appeared this year, plus index for volume 19, and the *Annual Report* of 48 pages. Books published included:

The Connecticut River Steamboat Story by Melancthon W. Jacobus

Jonathan Trumbull, Connecticut's Merchant Magistrate by Glenn Weaver

Antique Furniture in Suffield, Connecticut by Charles S. Bissell

Catalogue No. 1: *Connecticut Chairs in the Collection of The Connecticut Historical Society*

The chair catalogue was distributed free to members, but mention in *Antiques Magazine* has helped sell a number of copies. Mr. Bissell's book received an award from the American Association for State and Local History. *The Connecticut River Steamboat Story* has sold well and there are less than 300 copies remaining.

Most of our sales are by direct mail. Advertising has been very expensive and not worth the cost. Somehow, we must prepare and circularize lists of these and other books that are available and turn a frozen asset into a useful one.

Publishers are always enthusiastic about their books and one must accept their statements with some reserve. However, with Dr. Weaver's book we have something to crow about and we are going to make the most of it. Here are excerpts from the reviews that have appeared:

American Historical Review, January, 1957, Clifford K. Ship-ton: "Dr. Weaver's knowledge of the background of this monograph is thorough; his skill in handling the minutiae of

prices and trade and in making interesting reading of his conclusions is unusual."

The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, January, 1957, Arthur L. Jensen: "Much can be learned from the chronicle of a failure, and this book's major virtue lies in its careful attempt to relate its subject's activities to the general eighteenth-century mercantile background and to explain the circumstances of Trumbull's failure."

New England Quarterly, March, 1957, Lawrence Henry Gipson: "... illuminating and scholarly book. . . ."

William and Mary Quarterly, April, 1957, John M. Hemphill, II: "In rescuing from oblivion the mercantile activities of this highly unsuccessful Yankee, Dr. Weaver has contributed to a better understanding of the problems which faced the colonial merchants. The explanation of the effect of paper money inflation on an importing merchant (p. 21) is brief but to the point. The description of the chain of credit which linked Connecticut farmers to English manufacturers (p. 98) is excellent. The concluding paragraphs (pp. 150-155) provide a more than adequate explanation for Jonathan Trumbull's lack of success as a businessman. . . . There remain to be written a few words each for the publisher, the printer, and the binder. The Connecticut Historical Society is congratulated for encouraging a worth-while book; the Connecticut Printers, for turning out an attractive piece of work; and Russell Rutter, for producing a striking cover."

This year we will publish Volume 29 of the *Collections*, the next to the last volume dealing with the papers of John Cotton Smith; a catalogue of the Morgan B. Brainard Tavern Sign Collection, which is on loan, and a catalogue of the George Dudley Seymour Collection of Furniture. Funds to print these have been set aside or are in special accounts. The final book scheduled is on Daniel Burnap, Connecticut Clockmaker. Penrose Hoopes, author of *Connecticut Clockmakers of the Eighteenth Century* has written the text at our request. In my opinion, it is the finest and most complete account of an 18th century American crafts-

man possible, for it is based upon original account books, letters and a memorandum book kept by the subject, all of which are in our collection. Last May, just after Mr. Hoopes had finished his manuscript, we purchased a memorandum book commenced by Burnap September 9, 1779, the day he started work for Thomas Harland of Norwich. In this Burnap records his trade secrets, probably learned under Harland. There are numerous drawings and details on how to make chime, eight-day and steeple clocks, how to make silver spoons, jewelry and many other items of this nature. Fortunately, this important material was located in time to be included in the book. Since we have only half enough money to print this, authority has been granted to experiment with a pre-publication promotion and if sufficient orders are received to guarantee costs, we will go ahead.

Conclusion

In conclusion, it is my privilege to record the Society's grateful acknowledgement for gifts for general and specific purposes from the following:

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Your staff work unbelievably hard and the soundness of the Society is in no small part due to their unselfishness. President Brainard, your officers and committees have given much time and thought to the proper functioning of this institution. If we are achieving the goals set by our founders 132 years ago, and I believe we are, it is because many share in that responsibility.

Respectfully,

THOMPSON R. HARLOW, *Director*

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Allen, Lucy A., Estate of	Hough, Adele R.	Robinson, Cedric L.
American Jewish Historical Center	Huguenot Society of South Carolina	Robinson, S. M.
Anderson, Dr. Edward P.	Hunt, Mr. & Mrs. Roy A.	Royce, Helen E.
Arrington, J. Earl	Huntington, Mrs. Robert W.	Ruth Wyllys Chapter, D. A. R.
Beardsley, Guy E.	Ingraham, Edward	Saaf, Henry K.
Beckwith, Frederick H.	Johnson, Mabel	Scholle, Howard A.
Bidwell, Dorothy F.	Kelsey, Luman P.	Scott, Mrs. Clement
Bissell, Charles S.	Kihn, W. Langdon	Scovill Manufacturing Company
Brainard, Morgan B.	Knapp, Alfred A.	Seely, Mrs. Eddy L.
Brainard, Newton C.	Larrabee, Stephen A.	Sill, Dr. Henry
Brandt, Eduard C.	Liskin, George M.	Smith, Earl E.
Brown, Constance D.	McIntosh, Mrs. Elizabeth	Smith, Grace A.
Burgess, Kenneth F.	McLane, Mrs. Henry R.	Snow, Mrs. Helen F.
Bulkeley, Houghton	Mallory, Henry R.	Society of Mayflower Descendants
Butler, Robert	Marchant, Mrs. George B.	State of Connecticut
Calman, Mrs. Carrie B.	Mattatuck Historical Society	State University of Iowa Libraries
Carroll, Mrs. William J.	Metropolitan Museum of Art	Stoeckel, Herbert J.
Case, James R.	Metropolitan Water Bureau	Sweet, Mrs. John H. T., Jr.
Chapman, Etta C.	Mettlach, Mrs. Frank	Talcott, Mabel, Estate of
Chapman, J.	Mills, Edwin M.	Tanenbaum, Samuel
Chicago Historical Society	Morgan, S. St. John	Taylor, Ada L., Estate of
Connecticut College Library	Moulthrop, Mary A.	Thatcher, Marion
Connecticut Printers, Inc.	Murray, Mrs. Annie F. E.	Thau, Marcel
Connecticut State Library	Mayflower Society, New Haven	Thoms, Herbert
Cowles, Frank	New York Antique & Art Dealers Association	Tilney, Mrs. Bradford S.
Crocker, Mrs. Bigelow	Newcomen Society of North America	Trinity College
Detroit Public Library	Norris, Mrs. Ferris W.	Truesdell, Mrs. Karl
Eastman, A. W.	Parr, Mrs. Charles McK.	Turner, Marjorie S.
Edwards, Mrs. Frances M.	Perry, Edward	Tyler, Allys E.
Ensign-Bickford Company	Pick, Mrs. Max	Van Zandt, Mrs. M. E.
Fall River Historical Society	Pike, Mrs. Theresa M.	Walter, William A.
Ford, Helen	Plymouth, Mass. Public Library	Warren, William L.
Fox, Lt. Col. Arthur C.	Poole, Herbert A.	Waterman, Marjorie F.
Gillette, Norman P.	Price, James D.	Watkinson Library
Griffeth, Lt. Col. G. G.	Prindle, Paul W.	Wead, Katherine H.
Hall, Mrs. Amy C.	Quill, Mrs. R. M.	Weaver, Glenn
Hall, Mrs. George R., Sr.	Radoff, Morris L.	Welch, Mrs. Henry K. W.
Hammerslough, Philip H.	Ransom, Harry B.	Wilcox, Clark
Hargan, James	Riedel, Mrs. Raymond W.	Williams, Lois
Hawley, Roswell		Williams, Dr. W. C.
Haylett, Dr. Howard B.		Wriston, Arthur J.
Hayward, Clinton D.		Yale University
Hewitt, P. J.		
Hills, Ratcliffe M.		

MANUSCRIPT ACCESSIONS

Guy E. Beardsley, Hartford.

Bills of Lemuel Adams, cabinetmaker, for Senate Chairs in the Old State House, Hartford. (photostats)

Dorothy F. Bidwell, West Hartford.

Account book of Timothy B. Filley, 1842. (made into scrapbook)

Description of Jay H. Filley's trip from Hartford to New Orleans, 1828. (original and typescript)

Diary of Eunice Filley, 1860.

Filley family letters concerning tin company in Simsbury. (2 vols. typescript)

Recipe book from Filley family of Simsbury.

Charles S. Bissell, Suffield.

Letter of Daniel Burnap, Enfield, 1792, to Col. Luther Loomis.

Newton C. Brainard, Hartford.

Letter of Abraham Lincoln to Senators Foster and Dixon, Dec. 21, 1863.

Letter of Adm. David G. Farragut to Gideon Welles, Aug. 17, 1862.

Letter of Gen. John J. Pershing to Hon. Newton C. Brainard, Jan. 17, 1922.

Letter books (2) from the papers of Leverett Brainard.

Eduard C. Brandt, Hartford.

Letter and list of officers of 43rd Division, 118th Observation Squadron, U. S. Air Force, World War I.

Houghton Bulkeley, Hartford.

Colchester, Conn., list of taxes payable in 1818.

Envelope containing lists and letters concerning Connecticut election sermons.

Gardner family account book, 1760.

Letter of Gershom Bulkeley, Wethersfield, 1696, to Joseph Bulkeley.

Miscellaneous documents (5) relating to Gershom Bulkeley and other early members of the Bulkeley family.

Sermons by Rev. Eliphalet Adams, 1709.

Volume of sermons by Rev. Thomas Hooker, n. d.

Mrs. Carrie B. Calman, Sherburne, N.Y.

The McRorie family in America.

Mrs. William J. Carroll, Hartford.

Deed of Samuel Whiting, Windham, 1714-15.

J. Chapman, Greenwich.

Account book, 1808-1813, possibly from Ellington.

Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, Ill.

Commission of Jonathan Seymour, signed by Gov. Samuel Huntington, 1799.

Mrs. Bigelow Crocker, Fitchburg, Mass.

Account book, Hartford, 1821-1822. (made into scrapbook)

A. W. Eastman, Hartford.

Copy books (2), belonging to Jane C. Holcomb, n.d.

Fall River Historical Society, Fall River, Mass.

Correspondence and miscellaneous material concerning Ellington mills, Ellington, Conn. (3 boxes)

Lt. Col. Arthur C. Fox, Dunedin, Fla.

Genealogical data concerning the Fox family.

Norman P. Gillette, West Simsbury.

Family records and chart (fan shaped) of the Gillette ancestry.

Mrs. Amy C. Hall, Hartford.

Dawley family records from the Daniel D. Dawley Bible.

Mrs. George R. Hall, Sr., Waterbury.

Account book of Judah Frisbie, Woodstock, 1771-1774.

James Hargan, San Jose, Calif.

Howe family data. (10 pp.)

Dr. Howard B. Haylett, East Hartford.

Account book of S. L. Newton, East Hartford, 1880-1883.

Indenture of Sharon Pease Chapin as apprentice to Thomas Blanchard to learn turning gunstocks, 1825.

Clinton D. Hayward, Hartford.

Civil War letters from John G. Crosby, of Middletown, mostly to his wife. (53)

Mrs. Robert W. Huntington, Hartford.

Letter to Henry Champion from A. Champion, Mar. 12, 1834.

Letters relating to Dr. Joseph Adams. (2)

Miscellaneous receipts. (3)

Luman P. Kelsey, North Kent.

Letter book of W. H. Hubbard, Hartford, 1887.

George M. Liskin, Hartford.

Inventory of estate of Ebenezer Hawley of Farmington, 1769.

Mrs. Elizabeth McIntosh, Hartford.

Poem "Private Witherell's Story" read at Chamberlain reunion, Boston.

Mrs. Henry R. McLane, Hartford.

Deeds (6), mostly of Ariel Ely, of Lyne.

- Mrs. Frank R. Mettlach, San Diego, Calif.*
Genealogical notes on the Gates family. (4pp.)
- Mrs. Annie F. E. Murray, Altadena, Calif.*
Diary kept by Lt. James W. Eldridge, of Woodbury and Hartford, during the Civil War, 1862-1866.
- Ferris W. Norris, Lincoln, Neb.*
Sunderland family genealogical notes.
- Mrs. Max Pick, New York, N.Y.*
Documents concerning Civil War enlistments of Connecticut men. (12)
- Paul W. Prindle, New York, N. Y.*
Vital records and descendants of Helmus and Esther (Betts) Link.
- Mrs. R. M. Quill, Hartford.*
Early Smith family records concerning Raymond Burr family of West Hartford. (photostats)
- Harry B. Ransom, New London.*
Ransom genealogy—Lyme, Conn. branch. (190 pp.)
- Barclay Robinson, Avon.*
Trumbull and allied family genealogy. (5 albums and 5 envelopes)
- Cedric L. Robinson, Windsor.*
Records of Dialelogenian Society, 1790-1791. (photostat)
Folders (76) containing copies of letters of Connecticut Colonial governors and notables in the collection of the late Wolcott G. Lane. (typescript)
- Morris L. Radoff, Annapolis, Md.*
1787 rate book, kept by Joseph Deforest.
Sermons by Rev. Samuel Camp, of Ridgebury.
- Mrs. Eddy L. Seely, Flint, Mich.*
Notes in search of the ancestry of Henry Harding.
- Dr. Henry Sill, East Windsor.*
Account book, 1793-1844, and day book, 1797-1817, East Windsor, probably of the Sill family. (2)
- Grace A. Smith, New Haven.*
Trench family genealogical notes.
- Mrs. Helen F. Snow, Madison.*
Notes on the Minor-Miner family of Connecticut.
- Estate of Mabel Talcott, Hartford.*
Memory books (3) kept by Eliza and Austin Kilbourn.
- Estate of Ada L. Taylor, Hartford.*
Diaries of Samuel Taylor, of Hartford, 1852-1853. (6)

Marion Thatcher, New York, N. Y.

Deed of Crocker Thatcher of Lee, Mass., 1832.

Mrs. M. E. VanZandt, Willimantic.

Account book of Daniel F. Terry, of Mansfield, 1847-1877.

William L. Warren, Litchfield.

Account book, Waterbury, 1846-1850.

Catlin family genealogy.

Probate record of Ezekiel Scovill of Harwinton, Jan. 23, 1786.

Dr. W. C. Williams, Hanford, Calif.

18th century deeds, Redding, Conn. (2)

Arthur J. Wriston, Honolulu, H. I.

Notes concerning the family of Col. George Hale.

Purchase.

Account book, 1818-1825, Sharon.

Account book of Samuel Baldwin, Branford or New Haven,
1760-1793.

Account book of Dr. James E. Beach, Fairfield, 1800-1802.

Account book of Dan. Bump, Mansfield, blacksmith.

Account book of Joseph Frisbie, Branford, 1724-1782.

Account book of John Gordon, Branford, 1766-1801.

Account book of Uriah Hayden, Saybrook, 1818-1839.

Account book of Samuel and Christopher Leffingwell, Bozrah,
1756-1799.

Account book of Nathaniel Marcy, 1786-1799.

Account book of Charles Paige, Branford, 1763-1799.

Account book of Smith properties, kept by W. M. Smith, 1812-1815.

Account book, weaving, Connecticut accounts, kept by Job Green,
1813.

Accounts of a weaver or stage keeper, Sharon, n.d.

Bills of Ephraim Root to Abner Reed and Abner Reed to Ephraim
Root, Jan. 1812. (2)

Cash accounts, 1877-1880, of G. L. Smith, Sharon (?).

Circus materials including letters (3) and sketch of Mrs. Tom Thumb.
Compositions by Calvin Philleo. (22)

Copy book of H. Smith, Hartwich, N.Y., 1829.

Correspondence and records of Gov. O. Vincent Coffin, including let-
ter books (16) of personal and official correspondence.

Deeds, Connecticut and Connecticut people in Vermont. (37)

Deeds of land in Sharon, Conn. and West Haven, Vt. (9 packages)

Diaries of Helen Evertson Smith, Sharon, 1893, 1897, 1900, 1901, 1902,
1907, 1910, 1918. (8)

Documents concerning Christopher Ripley: letters (16), admiralty
papers concerning his trial, accounts of Fort Griswold.

Inventory and papers concerning settlement of estate of Dr. Simeon
 Smith of Sharon, Conn. and West Haven, Vt. (1 box)
 Journal of Richard Bacon's trip to England in 1836.
 Ledger, Canaan (?), 1793.
 Letter of Sally Mix, Farmington, to her husband, Capt. Ebenezer
 Mix, at sea, 1819.
 Letters and documents concerning American Home Mission Society.
 (14)
 Letters concerning Dr. Charles Terry, of Hartford, and members of
 his family. (2 boxes)
 Letters from and concerning John Cotton Smith, U.S. Minister to
 Bolivia in the 1860s. (1 package)
 Letters to Calvin Philleo, Canterbury Green, 1841-1851. (33)
 Letters to Seth H. Clark, engraver, Hartford, 1838-1862. (11)
 Log book of Capt. Ebenezer Mix, of Farmington, 1813-1818.
 Miscellaneous account books, 1840-1850, notebooks, deeds, &c. con-
 cerning Sharon, Conn.
 Miscellaneous notes and articles by Helen Evertson Smith.
 Mix family letters, 1805, 1817, 1835, 1837. (6)
 Notebook kept by John Cotton Smith while at Yale College.
 Orderly book kept by Joel Smith, Redding, of Capt. Judd's Company,
 1779.
 Our Harding family . . . Descendants of Samuel. (179 pp.)
 Papers concerning Dr. Simeon Smith's estate in West Haven, Vt. (15)
 Papers of Gov. John Cotton Smith, including letters, notes, memo-
 randa, records of court cases, &c., 1790-1800.
 R. W. Smith's accounts (in small notebook).
 Record of building of Barkhamsted Meeting House. (in back of ac-
 count book)
 Sermon preached by Rev. Judah Lewis, of Colchester, Aug. 7, 1834.
 Sharon tax lists, 1781, 1783, 1785, 1786, 1794. (5)
 Smith family letters, including those of Phineas, Noah, Robert, Gilbert,
 Samuel, Benjamin and Apollos Smith. (40)
 Smith genealogy (in pencil and diagram) by Helen Evertson Smith.
 Tax book, Middletown, 1816.
 Trumbull account book [1812].
 Verstile letters, mostly to Peter, Charlotte and Tristram Verstile (63)
 and folder of miscellaneous material of the Verstile family.
 Volume of sermons, including those of Rev. Noadiah Russell, (1659-
 1713), of Middletown.

PRINTED GENEALOGIES

Adams, Beckwith, Cotton, Devereux (2), Fallass, Farrer, Gray, Gray-Paddock, Hadley-Page, Hamilton, Hanaford, Hartwell, Heard, Hyde-Stearns, Lamson, Leighton, Lindsley, Lovejoy, Lowman, McCall, McNair-McNear, Oliver-Miner, Page, Pendleton, Phelps, Purdy, Taintor, Trumbull.

MANUSCRIPT GENEALOGIES

Catlin, Fox, Gates, Gillette (chart), Hale, Harding (2), Howe, Link, McRorie, Minor-Miner, Ransom, Scovill, Smith, Smith-Burr, Sunderland, Trench, Truesdell (microfilm), Trumbull.

MUSEUM DONORS

Allis, Mary	Johnson, Mabel
Anderson, Dr. Edward P.	Keener, Roger
Armstrong, Hurlbert A.	Layton, Mrs. Amy Crocker
Brainard, Morgan B.	Liverant, Israel E.
Brainard, Newton C.	McClellan, Mrs. W. E.
Bidwell, Dorothy F.	Miller, Dr. James R.
Boker, R. F.	Murray, Mrs. Annie F. E.
Buckland, Frank Merton	Norton, Mrs. Huntington
Burr, Edwin Manross	Parr, Mrs. Charles McKew
Chapin, Mrs. W. E.	Parsons, Jessie A.
Chapman, Etta Corlies	Perry, Edward B.
Clark, Kent W.	Reed, Mrs. Francis Mason
Dana, Mrs. Maria Trumbull	Riedel, Mrs. Raymond W.
Filley, Mrs. Oliver Dwight	Robinson, Cedric L.
Fussenich, Frederick W.	Royce, Helen Elizabeth
Gable, Bert C.	Stodder, Mrs. Clement K.
Greene, Harold F.	Taylor, Ada Louise, Estate of
Hall, Mrs. George R., Sr.	Twinem, Rev. Leo Leonard
Hammerslough, Philip H.	Warren, William L.
Haylett, Dr. and Mrs. H. B.	Willard, Eliza L., Estate of
Hyde, Elizabeth	

MUSEUM ACCESSIONS

baby carriages, 2	fabrics and textiles, 60 items	powder horn
band boxes, 3	(collection of étoile de joie)	prints, 60
canes, 3	flags, 4	signs, 2
chairs, Gothic-Windsor, 2	jewelry, 8 pieces	swords, 2
chess set, made of Charter Oak	landscapes, 2	tools, 3
chest, 17th Century	miniatures, 8	toys, 19
china, 25 pieces	photographs, Samuel Taylor	uniforms, portions of, 8
costumes, 127 items	collection; others, 14	water colors and drawings, 6
daguerreotypes, 12	playing cards, 1 deck	watchpapers, 8
drum sticks, pair	portraits, 14	
	pottery, Connecticut, 14 items	

FINANCIAL REPORT

Condensation of report of

Allerton C. Hickmott, *Treasurer*

<i>INCOME FOR GENERAL EXPENSES</i>		<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Dues		\$	4,680.50
Rental and miscellaneous			404.00
Charles G. Woodward Trust			7,945.40
Reserves			3,200.00
Seminar			1,055.93
<i>ENDOWMENT FUNDS FOR GENERAL EXPENSES</i>			
Albert C. Bates Fund, established by gift in 1906	\$ 1,023.70		29.42
Silas Chapman, Jr. Fund, bequests November 1926	68,500.00		4,457.15
Sophia F. Coe Fund, bequest April 1916	1,050.00		68.32
Wilbur L. Cross Fund, established in December 1947 by Alain C. White	100.00		6.51
George Henry Fitts Fund in memory of Colonel Thomas Knowlton, bequest January, 1925 ...	10,000.00		650.68
General Fund, established in 1849	17,308.67		741.65
James J. Goodwin Fund, established in October, 1915 by Mrs. James J. Goodwin in memory of her husband	20,000.00		1,301.36
E. Stevens Henry Fund, bequest February, 1922	550.00		35.79
Jonas Coolidge Hills Fund, trust established by will in 1913, terminated 1954	55,535.58		3,613.59
James B. Hosmer Fund, bequest September, 1878	5,000.00		325.34
Dr. William Ward Knight Fund, bequest December, 1923	8,000.00		520.54
Francis T. Maxwell Fund, bequest March, 1942	5,000.00		325.34
Henry L. Miller Fund, bequest of Annie C. Miller in 1943 in memory of her father	4,182.43		272.15
Charles Morris Mills Fund in memory of Jonathan Flynt Morris, bequest 1951	500.00		32.53
Edward B. Peck Fund, bequest October, 1928 ..	32,500.00		2,114.71
William H. Putnam Fund, derived from sales of <i>The Two Putnams</i>	307.99		19.52
Dr. Gurdon W. Russell Fund, bequest in 1909 of \$3,000 and bequest of Mrs. Russell in 1922 of \$5,000	8,000.00		520.54
James Shepard Fund, bequest in 1929 with additions from sale of books given for the purpose	1,850.77		120.32

Edwin Simons Fund, bequest December, 1915 .	5,400.00	351.37
Grace F. Smith Fund, bequest in 1950	5,000.00	325.34
Jane T. Smith Fund, bequest in 1930	1,000.00	65.07
Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fund, bequest in 1939 ..	10,000.00	650.68
Mary K. Talcott Fund, bequest in 1920	6,100.00	396.92
Mabel C. Tuller Fund, bequest in 1951	5,000.00	325.34
Tuttle Fund, bequest in 1940 of \$5,000 from Jane Tuttle and bequest in 1941 of \$4,925 from Ruel C. Tuttle	10,000.00	650.68
Edgar F. Waterman Fund, established by gifts in 1947 with additions from sale of books given for the purpose	9,761.99	590.58
Alain C. White Fund, established 1954, partial receipt of bequest in 1951	2,500.00	162.67
Albion B. Wilson Fund, bequest in 1951	10,000.00	650.68
Charles G. Woodward Fund, bequest in 1950 ..	20,000.00	1,301.36
Total Income for General Expenses		<u>\$37,911.98</u>

LESS EXPENSES

Bank fee	\$ 2,071.74	
Binding	374.20	
Miscellaneous, lectures, travel, etc.	2,491.30	
Photostats	83.52	
Postage	1,025.35	
Printing	1,995.55	
Library supplies	997.35	
Social security	328.96	
Summer help	500.00	
Salaries	23,416.67	
Microprint	750.00	
Museum and library purchases	500.00	
Seminar	1,154.79	
Microfilm	400.00	
Total general expense		<u>\$ 36,088.43</u>
Surplus		<u>\$ 1,822.55</u>
Transferred to Building Funds In- come to help pay extraordinary moving and painting expenses		<u>901.45</u>
Balance 4/30/57		<u>\$ 921.10</u>

INCOME FOR BUILDING EXPENSES

George E. Hoadley Fund	\$266,169.61	\$ 24,887.55
George Dudley Seymour Fund	31,300.00	2,036.63
		<u>\$ 26,924.18</u>

LESS EXPENSES

Bank fee	\$ 1,178.85	
ADT protection	1,029.24	
Fuel	2,606.56	
Gas	22.68	
Insurance	2,720.72	
Electricity	1,885.91	
Repairs	644.75	
Supplies	659.38	
Water	49.68	
Equipment	391.82	
Grounds	1,276.58	
Social security	177.28	
Miscellaneous	320.89	
Telephone	404.29	
Salaries	11,581.00	
Summer help	679.00	
Total building expense		<u>\$ 25,628.63</u>
Surplus		\$ 1,295.55
Moving from Wadsworth Athe- neum	\$ 545.28	
Repainting flooded basement	<u>1,661.72</u>	
		2,207.00
Overdraft		\$ 901.45
Transferred from General Fund surplus income		<u>901.45</u>
Balance 4/30/57		\$.00

INCOME FOR LIBRARY AND MUSEUM PURCHASES

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Income</i>
Endowment funds for library and museum purchases		
George Buell Alvord Fund, established in De- cember, 1955 by Mrs. Muriel Alvord Ward of		

West Hartford in memory of her father, the income only to be used for acquisition of manuscript materials	\$ 9,990.74	\$ 318.19
Lucius B. Barbour Fund, derived from the sale of Manwaring's <i>Early Connecticut Probate Records</i>	998.81	59.73
William F. J. Boardman Fund, derived from sales of copies of <i>Boardman Genealogy</i> , <i>Wethersfield Inscriptions</i> , <i>Boardman Ancestry</i> and <i>Greenleaf Ancestry</i>	1,170.43	74.61
Lucy A. Brainard Fund, established by gift in 1892 which is being further increased through the sale of books presented for the purpose by Morgan B. Brainard, Newton C. Brainard and The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co. ...	2,708.98	174.93
Connecticut Society of Colonial Wars Fund, established in 1925 by gift of the Society of one-half interest in remaining unsold copies of <i>Vital Records of Norwich</i>	248.75	15.96
Florence T. Gay Fund, bequest in 1953 for the care and increase of the Julius Gay collection of Farmington manuscripts	2,051.47	133.48
Charles J. Hoadly Fund, derived from sale of <i>Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut</i> and volume 3 of the <i>Public Records of the State of Connecticut</i>	3,803.14	247.26
Library-Museum Fund, derived from sale of books presented in 1948 by Mrs. J. C. Hills, augmented by books from Barclay Robinson and Kenneth Lord	815.94	50.66
Horace E. Mather Fund, bequest in December, 1933 by Lucy O. Mather in memory of her father	5,000.00	325.34
Jonathan Flynt Morris Fund, derived from sale of <i>Morris Register</i> presented by the daughters of Mr. Morris	154.40	10.05
Thomas Robbins Fund, bequest in 1856 by the Society's first Librarian	6,580.63	428.20

Dr. Gurdon W. Russell Book Fund, derived from sales of <i>Descendants of John Russell</i> ..	269.86	17.35
George Dudley Seymour Museum Fund, bequest in 1945 for the Seymour collection	25,117.49	1,634.35
Newman C. Hungerford Fund, for care and increase of coin collection	2,000.00	130.14
From sales of duplicates and gifts		790.50
General Fund Income		500.00
Total for acquisitions	\$	4,910.75

PUBLICATIONS

Publication Fund	\$ 39,507.87	\$ 2,510.90
Sale of books		329.55
From reserves		966.50
Cost of <i>Bulletin</i>		\$ 3,806.95
Balance in reserve		\$ 291.84
State Appropriation Fund		\$ 1,000.00
From reserves		7.00
Cost of composition Volume 29 <i>Collections</i> ..		\$ 1,007.00
Balance		\$ 1,242.36

SPECIAL FUNDS

Ancient Vital Records Fund, established 1907, for publication of town records of Connecticut		
Amount of fund 4/30/56	\$	274.48
Sale of books		12.80
Balance 4/30/57	\$	284.28
Anonymous Museum Fund		
Balance 4/30/57	\$	1,329.90
Bissell Fund		
Proceeds of sales of <i>Antique Furniture in Suffield, Connecticut, 1670-1835</i> . Gift of Charles S. Bissell, to be divided equally with the Suffield Historical Society		
Paid to Suffield Historical Society	\$	1,041.82

Transferred to Publication Fund Surplus Income	1,041.82
Balance 4/30/57	36.75
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	\$ 2,120.39
Newton C. Brainard Account	
Gift of Mr. Brainard March 11, 1957	\$ 21,371.28
Melancthon W. Jacobus Account	
Receipts from sale of <i>Connecticut River Steam- boat Story</i>	\$ 2,747.41
Expenses	\$ 367.05
Paid Connecticut Printers, Inc. on account .	\$ 2,380.36
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	\$ 2,747.41
Welles Fund	
Established in 1924. Income to be available when principal reaches \$600	
Amount of Fund 4/30/56	\$ 546.67
Income, added to principal	36.15
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Balance of principal 4/30/57	\$ 582.82

ALLERTON C. HICKMOTT,
Treasurer.



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